



# COUNTY OF SAN BENITO

PAUL J. MATULICH

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER and SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

March 2, 2007

Henry R. Renteria, Director  
Governor's Office of Emergency Services  
Individual Assistance Section  
3650 Schriever Avenue  
Mather, CA 95655

RE: Request for USDA Secretarial Disaster Declaration for Freeze Related  
Losses to Citrus, Lettuce and Specialty Crops in San Benito County, California.

Dear Director Renteria,

During the month of January 2007, San Benito County's one citrus orchard as well as leaf lettuce and several specialty crops incurred losses estimated at approximately \$1,613,400 due to 5 continuous days with minimum temperatures below 20 degrees in several locations.

I respectfully request that San Benito County be considered for a Secretarial Disaster Declaration based upon the attached County Agricultural Commissioner Disaster Report.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Matulich  
San Benito County  
Agricultural Commissioner

Cc: San Benito County Board of Supervisors  
Susan Thompson, San Benito County Administrative Officer  
Ed Williams, CDFA/CACASA Liaison

Enclosure

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# CALIFORNIA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER DISASTER REPORT

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13. Total Farms in County: (Use most recent U.S. Farm Census number.)		Number		
		677		
14. Farms with Production Losses of:		Number		
100%		1		
90 to 99%		0		
80 to 89%		0		
70 to 79%		0		
60 to 69%		0		
50 to 59%		1		
40 to 49%		0		
30 to 39%		0		
20 to 29%		0		
Less than 20%		9		
15. Livestock and Poultry Losses of:	Number Destroyed/Damaged	3-Year Avg. Price (From Annual Crop Report)	Dollar Loss	
Cattle (Excluding milk cows)				
Milk Cows				
Milk Production				
Sheep				
Hogs				
Poultry				
Aquaculture				
Apiary				
Other				
16. Farms with <u>Physical</u> Losses of:	Number			
Major				
Minor				
17. Farm Facilities Damaged:	Number			Dollar Loss
	Destroyed	Major	Minor	
Dwellings & Service Buildings				
Structures				
Machinery & Equipment				
Land Damages (Acres)				
Other (broken water pipes)			5	5,000

Remarks: